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In re Application of:  
Ronald L. Barnes  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

REMARKS

This application is a continuation of application number 09/794,601, filed 02/27/2001. Accordingly, a copy of the executed declaration from the parent case is included herewith. Also, a copy, which is a true copy, of the specification from the parent case is included herewith. No new matter is added to this specification. In addition, claim 1 from the parent case is cancelled with this amendment, and new claims 2 - 18 are submitted for prosecution, along with corrections to the specification that were filed in the parent case. An ABSTRACT is also provided with this amendment.

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IN THE "CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION"

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CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of Applicant's copending US patent application number 09/794,601, filed 02/27/2001, which is a continuation-in-part of Applicant's copending US patent application number 09/752,982, filed 12/31/2000, and Applicant's US [copending] patent application number 09/393,437, filed 02/27/01, and which issued [will issue] on 02/27/2001 as US patent number 6,192,911.